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WalletHub ranks ICC first among state's two-year institutions

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has ranked first among all public state two-year institutions in a WalletHub study that surveyed hundreds of community colleges across the United States.

In order to determine the best community colleges in the U.S., the financial institution WalletHub selected a sample of 698 schools from the list of member institutions in the American Association of Community Colleges.

The schools were evaluated based on cost and financing and both education and career outcomes.

"For 70 plus years, providing affordable and accessible education has always been a significant component of Itawamba Community College's mission," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "National recognition of the College in this area is an indication that ICC is fulfilling that mission and serving our students who are out top priority. Their success is our success."

According to WalletHub, community colleges are a more attractive option especially this year as many individuals are struggling financially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Other than affordability, community colleges provide more flexible schedules, smaller class sizes and rigorous coursework.

The average age of community college students is 28, and a vast majority of these students balance their studies with jobs, family or both, commitments that often limit their enrollment to one or two classes per semester. According to the latest information from the American Association of Community Colleges, 62 percent of all full-time and 72 percent of part-time students at community colleges work. Fifty nine percent of all students receive some type of financial aid.

ICC's tuition has been consistently ranked among the lowest offered by Mississippi's 15 community colleges.

The study included the rankings for 12 Mississippi schools listed in order by highest to lowest community college rankings in Mississippi: Itawamba Community College, Pearl River Community College, East Central Community College, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Hinds Community College, East Mississippi Community College, Jones College, Meridian Community College, Northeast Mississippi Community College, Holmes Community College, Mississippi Delta Community College and Coahoma Community College.

FYI
Make a Note of It

Homecoming interest meeting today

Staff Reports

Female students who are interested in being on the ballot for ICC's Homecoming Court should attend an interest meeting via ZOOM today at 3 p.m.

Information on applying, campaigning, expectations and timeline will be discussed.

To sign up access https://bit.ly/ICCHCInterestMeeting.

For more information, email jchartfield@iccms.edu.

ICC's fall enrollment increases in spite of COVID-19

Staff Reports

ICC's fall enrollment has increased even in the unique environment caused by COVID-19.

With full-time enrollment beginning at more than 5,000 and an increase in credit hours, ICC also has 705 students who are participating in the dual credit program, which enables high school students to earn college hours.

The increase is determined by comparing enrollments for the 2029 and 2020 fall semesters.

EXCITING NEWS

"This is very exciting news, since the increases are in headcount, full-time equivalencies and credit hours," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "The increase in the number of students that ICC is serving is significant because we have additional opportunities to provide a solid educational foundation and the best start for those in our five-county district and beyond."

FIGURES

Enrollment figures include online, academic, and career education classes, but not workforce totals, which are not measured on a semester basis, Allen said. Because of COVID-19, ICC has altered its instructional delivery methods which now include face-to-face only, face-to-face hybrid which has an online component, face-to-face Zoom and online. "We are offering options that provide our students with face-to-face instructional time while physically distancing the classroom to create a healthy and high quality instructional environment," Allen said. - ***See increase, page six.***

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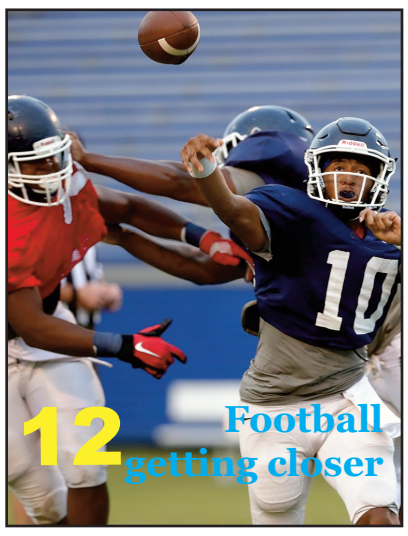

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CORA YIELDING
Editor

Don't let fear hold you back

When I was a senior in high school, I felt like the world was my oyster. I was free to do anything and everything I wanted. Then the spring semester came,and suddenly I was faced with so much stress, opportunity and decision that I really didn't know what to do with myself.

One of the first major decisions that I was faced with was where to go to college. For most 17-to-18-year-olds, college is one of the hardest and biggest decisions that they have to face. On top of having to choose where to go, I had to choose my college activities. I had so many options of what to choose and what to do with my life. I met with academic advisers, discussed with financial advisers, asked advice from the people around me, yet I still didn't know what I was going to do.

My whole life I had wanted to go straight to a senior college and start my life right away, but when the time came to choose, I started to rethink my decision. Financially, senior college was a far stretch; not to mention, I would be several hours away from home. I decided to listen to my mother's advice and give ICC a chance. I applied, went on a tour and ultimately went to orientation.

Once I had seen the campus as a college-aged student (I had grown up around here my whole life), I began to realize how ICC is truly an amazing place with so many opportunities. Changing my plans and rerouting my future was one of the hardest decisions that I had ever made, but my time here has made it all worth it so far. I have met my best friends for life. I have gained so much insight into the many options that are offered by senior colleges, and I have been extremely blessed with amazing teachers who pour into me every day.

Choosing ICC was easily one of the best decisions that I have ever made and will continue to bless me throughout my next few years. I will forever be grateful for the experiences and people that I have gained in my life and met here.

There's a place for YOU on the Chieftain staff!

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TODAY!

College
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BSU Meeting Location Change

The ICC Baptist Student Union has changed its meeting location Monday nights through September to the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center.

Due to COVID-19 and fluid scheduling, check ICC's calendar, www.iccms.edu.

OPiNION POLL

What do you think...

"When COVID restrictions are lifted, what do you plan to do first that you haven't had an opportunity to do during this time?"

Landon Nichols, Tupelo (Fr.)
"Go to a party and hang out with my friends."

Denise Rakestraw, microbiology instructor
"To be able to get my students back into labs and not have to wear a mask."

Diana Austin, Pontotoc (Soph.)
Finally go out to a bar without having to wear a mask and socialize."

Robin Patel, Tupelo (Fr.)
"To go to social events to hang out."

Jenny Bowers, English instructor
"Go out to the movies, out to eat and be able to travel overseas."

Darrion Prewitt, Jackson, Tenn. (Fr.)
To be able to go to amusement parks and go out with friends. "

Shauna Townsend, Tupelo, (Fr.)
"To go on vacation."

Timothy Pannell, Tupelo (Fr.)
"Go to a party and hang out with my friends."

Jada Shumpert, Fulton (Fr.)
"Travel."

Dr. Ira Lindsay Kinard-Jones, algebra instructor
"To go back to church and to travel again."

PANDA MOORE
Staff Writer

VIEWPOINT

SAMANTHA McNAMARA
Staff Writer

Go big... or go home...

It's fall, and we're finally getting back into the swing of things. I use the phrase "swing of things" lightly because this is 2020, and I don't need to remind you that nothing is normal anymore. Despite the constant chaos that had become my life, I was incredibly excited to return to school this semester.

In fact, so much so that i almost psyched myself up to the point that I didn't show up at all.

I'm in my thirties, and although my child has been well trained to answer "29" if anyone were to ask my age, I cannot escape the fact that this has been a completely different ballgame from my last college experience. The last time I was in school, I chose to take a year-long sabbatical that turned into a decade. A few left turns, a failed marriage or two, a beautiful baby boy and a global pandemic later and boom! Here I am in the parking lot of Itawamba Community College, and all I could think was "What am I doing here?"

I decided if I was going to do this, then better go big or go home. I reached out about possibly participating with the school newspaper. I made sure to specify in my inquiry that I was in my thirties and not considered a traditional student. I guess I felt like by not disclosing this fact that I was being dishonest. Did I think that the ICC Campus Police would see my untouched roots and need to ask me questions? that they would find out that I'm not 22 and kindly ask me to leave? You won't be shocked to find out that none of these things happened but were all ridiculous scenarios I'd been playing out in my head.

After speaking with several instructors, I found out that I wasn't the only one who felt more than a little out of place. Not even by a little bit. In fact, in one of my classes, almost half the students are my age or older. I also found out recently that the school changed our title from "nontraditional students" to "adult learners." Apparently there are so many of us that "nontraditional" didn't really make sense anymore.

Turns out, we're killing it! And I'm proud. My only regret is that there are so many more would-be adult learners out there who don't know these things. I surely didn't. They may feel unwelcome in an environment they still believe is only for young adults, when that's simply not true. I challenge you if you are an adult learner to help me spread the word that we are here, that they are welcome and choosing to continue your education is not shameful, but something that should be celebrated! so come celebrate. We will cheer you on as long as it's before nine!

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Teacher Spotlight

Ira Lindsay Kinard-Jones
MATHEMATICS
Phi Theta Kappa adviser

FAMILY: *Married to Nadrick Jones; son, Kai Williams Kinard Jones, 1*

EDUCATION: *A.A., ICC; B.A.E. and M.Ed., University of Mississippi; Ph.D., Mississippi State University*

COURSES TAUGHT: *Beginning Algebra, College Algebra, Statistics*

Kinard-Jones

EXPERIENCE: *15 years of teaching mathematics: Lafayette High School (two years), ICC-Tupelo (13 years)*

POSITIVES OF TEACHING: *"Learning is power only when it is turned on." It is my philosophy to turn the light of learning on in each individual learner and support the trajectory for each learner's career success.*

NEGATIVES OF TEACHING: *"It is my philosophy to turn the light of learning on in each individual learner. However, this is not always possible. Failure to reach* ***each*** *individual learner is one of the most negative aspects of teaching."*

ADVICE TO STUDENTS: *"My advice to students is paralleled with a well-known author…'It's not about what it is. It's about what it can become.' - Dr. Seuss."*

MARKEREIA WHITE
Staff Writer

Members of the Tupelo SWAT team participate in a mock drill at the Belden Center last year. Campus Police Chief Ricky Brasel said the drills are part of ICC's safety plan.

College safety priority for Campus Police

BROOKLYNN HALL
Staff Writer

"No safety know pain, know safety no pain." - Anonymous

Safety for the staff and students at Itawamba Community College is a top priority, according to Police Chief Ricky Brasel. "The Campus Police do whatever they can to be sure the students and staff at ICC stay safe."

Brasel said that if Campus Police on the Fulton Campus are needed, the phone number to reach them is (662) 862-8300. "The officer(s) on duty will receive the call and respond as quickly as possible to the situation at hand." Additional numbers are Tupelo, (662) 620-5300, and Belden, (662) 407-1571.

If there is a fender-bender or a car is broken into at any ICC location, those involved are to call Campus Police. The officers who receive the call will come to the scene and file a report.

Brasel said that ICC and Campus Police have measures put into place if the safety of students and staff is at risk. For example, in the event of an active shooter, there are safety precautions to make sure that everyone is in a safe place. The faculty and staff at ICC know what to do if the situation were to ever occur, Brasel noted. Every year there is a drill at one of ICC's three locations to ensure that everyone is aware of the protocols and are prepared.

For those who make ICC their home, residents and even commuters, the college has cameras throughout the Fulton Campus in each building including dorm hallways, to guarantee the safety of the students and staff. The police on duty also drive around campus and walk through academic buildings and residence halls day and night to ensure maximum safety, Brasel said. Parking lots, such as the one at Sheffield Hall, have been illuminated with extra lights for added protection.

Perhaps the best advice Brasel gives is, "Just stay safe!"

AD Nursing instructor Fleming-Parker secures grant for bike helmets

Staff Reports

Children in Itawamba Community College's Child Care Centers will benefit from the care and concern of Associate Degree Nursing instructor Dr. Mary Ann Fleming-Parker of Tupelo.

This summer, Fleming-Parker applied for and received a Prevention and Education grant through the Traumatic Brain Injury/Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund, through which 75 bicycle helmets were provided for the child care participants at the college.

ICC Associate Degree Nursing program director Dr. Dana Walker said that as part of their coursework, sophomore nursing students in the Family Centered Nursing Care course develop and present health promotion teaching projects to children at the Child Development Centers at both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses.

The students have been at the CDCs on both campuses most Tuesdays and Thursdays since Sept. 1 to assist with temperature checks and hand washing as students arrive and then present a variety of health promotion projects, Fleming-Parker said. They will continue through Nov. 3.

Fleming-Parker's students presented the helmets Tuesday to the children at the centers in simultaneous programs beginning at 7:15 a.m. with temperature checks, hand washing and sanitizing instruction and demonstration. The two students at the Tupelo Campus and three students at the Fulton Campus also provided instruction about bicycle safety. They include Callie Craig of Houston, Nyeshia McGregory of Okolona, Tupelo Campus; and Whitney Hankins and Van Thomas, both of Tupelo, and Haley Williams of Fulton.

Itawamba Community College Associate Degree Nursing student Callie Craig of Houston presents a bicycle helmet to a participant in the Child Care Center on the Fulton Campus Tuesday. AD Nursing instructor Mary Ann Fleming-Parker secured the grant for 75 helmets.

The project had a special meaning for Callie Craig, one of the students who was a presenter at the Tupelo Campus. Her cousin suffered a TBI from a bicycle accident, and she knows first-hand the importance of wearing a helmet. "The helmet safety project is special for me to perform because of the impact helmet safety has had on my family," Craig said. "Growing up, my cousin and I were very close, almost like brother and sister. One day he was riding his bike on a gravel road and hit a rock that caused him to crash. He was thrown off his bike and hit his head on some rocks. He was then airlifted to Memphis, had tests done and ended up with just a scar on his head. At the time, I was scared, but I knew that from then on we would always wear helmets when we rode bikes."

Prevention and Education grants fund projects that increase awareness and acceptance of safety practices surrounding traumatic brain injuries and spinal cord injuries.

The TBI/SCI Trust Fund was established in 1996 by the Mississippi Legislature to provide both direct services to individuals with TBI and SCI as well as sub-grants to organizations throughout the state to support programs that focus on the awareness and prevention of these conditions. It is administered through the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services.

"If our project encourages the participants in the child care centers to wear these helmets, we have made a significant difference," Fleming-Parker said. "In the nursing field, saving lives is our business. These helmets can help us do just that."

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

MAN UP offers support for minority males

Whether students are starting their academic program or returning to ICC, the Minority Achievement Network for Upward Progression (MAN UP) program can assist.

MAN UP provides support services designed to assist minority male students in making academic, career and personal decisions. It promotes academic success, retention and graduation of minority male students through mentoring activities, tutoring and other support programs that encourage academic excellence, self-esteem and personal growth of participating students.

Active participants in MAN UP entitles individuals to receive a $250 book voucher during the semester.

The program has scheduled a series of workshops throughout the semester. All are located in the Crubaugh Technical Education Building 110 at the Fulton Campus from 12:10-1 p.m. Boxed lunches and drinks from Chick-fil-A will be served.

The workshops and dates include

Sept. 22 - Financial Aid/Scholarships, Dr. Emily Tucker;

Oct. 7 - Common Mistakes in Math, Dr. Lindsay Kinard-Jones;

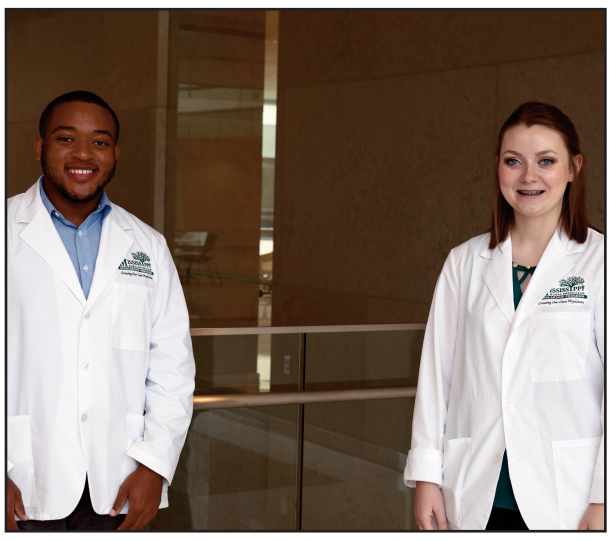
Oct. 20 - The Transfer Process, Dr. Emily Tucker;

Nov. 4 - Self-care, Dr. Vernon Rayford.

All workshops are also broadcast through ZOOM.

For more information, contact Dr. Bobby Solomon at rtsolomon@iccms.edu or Dr. Emily Tucker, at ectucker@iccms.edu.

Dr. Bobby Solomon discusses successful study strategies during the Sept. 9 session.



Top photo, 2020 Itawamba Community College graduates T.J. McIntosh and Katherine Morgan have been selected as undergraduates to participate in the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program while 2019 graduates Jenna Hull and William "Ti" Simpson will receive the scholarship for their medical training. Hull is at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, and Simpson, at the William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine. McIntosh has enrolled at Mississippi College, and Morgan, the University of Mississippi.

ICC graduates accepted to Rural Physicians Program

Staff Reports

Four ICC graduates have been selected to participate in the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program, two in the undergraduate portion, and two were awarded the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship for their medical training.

2020 GRADUATES

2020 graduates TJ McIntosh of Wren and Katherine Morgan of Hatley were among the college sophomores and juniors who demonstrate the necessary commitment and academic achievement to become competent, well-trained rural primary care physicians in Mississippi. The program offers undergraduate academic enrichment and a clinical experience in a rural setting.

2019 GRADUATES

2019 graduates Jenna Hull of Hamilton and William "Ti" Simpson of Okolona were awarded the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship valued at $30,000 per year for their medical training. Hull is attending the University of Mississippi School of Medicine and Simpson, William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

COMPENSATION

During medical school, each MRPSP scholar may receive $30,000 per year based on available funding. Upon completion of medical school, MRPSP scholars must enter a residency program in one of five primary care specialties: family medicine, general internal medicine, pediatrics, medicine-pediatrics or obstetrics/gynecology.

The MRPSP Scholar must provide four years of service in a clinic-based practice in an approved Mississippi community of 15,000 or fewer population located more than 20 miles from a medically-served area.

The MRPSP provides a means for rural Mississippi students to earn a seat in medical school, receive mentoring during the medical school application process, earn a $120,000 medical school scholarship in return for four years of service and learn the art of healing from practicing rural physicians.

ReSkill Mississippi

ICC offers free short-term classes through Dec. to those who qualify

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College is offering several free short-term career pathways to those who qualify from now until the end of December as part of the ReSkill Mississippi Initiative.

The program is designed to help ease the economic burden and uncertainty the pandemic has created for the state's workforce.

ICC is utilizing the resources to enhance or start new workforce development training and/or career education programs that would positively impact underemployed, unemployed, furloughed and/or otherwise displaced individuals who are experiencing economic hardships as a result of COVID-19, said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen.

ICC has utilized the ReSkill Mississippi funds to create short-term pathway programs in medical administrative assistant, quality improvement associate, introduction to industrial maintenance and electrician assistant. They join a list of 14 other pathway programs, which also offer free tuition opportunities for those who qualify through December.

Allen,who serves as chair of the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Workforce Committee, and Tyler Camp, chief of staff and special assistant to the president, were instrumental in securing the more than $49 million to be distributed to community colleges in the state.

"We at ICC appreciate the work of Miss. Rep. Donnie Bell of Fulton and Miss. Senator David Parker of Olive Branch, who worked tirelessly to make these funds a reality," Allen said. "These additional resources will make a huge difference in many lives across the state."

"ICC and the community college system play a vital role in providing workforce training in our state," Bell said. "It was a natural fit for this one-time injection of funds to be distributed through the state's workforce regions such as Three Rivers Planning and Development District in an effort to get Mississippians back to work or re-skilled."

ReSkillMS was created as a result of the Governor's Commission on Economic Recovery's recommendation that significant dollars from the CARES Act recovery funds be used for workforce training to help lift the economic burden on the state's workforce from COVID-19. The State Workforce Investment Board, the Mississippi Department of Employment Security and Mississippi's four local workforce areas collaborated to develop the program to allow Mississippians out-of-work or those working reduced hours to "re-skill" in order to fill high-demand, high-paying jobs across the state.

The pathway programs are offered at the ICC Belden Center. For more information, www.iccms.edu/skillup

CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAMS

Basic Construction
Business Office Specialist
Certified Nursing Assistant
Commercial Truck Driving
Electrician Assistant
EMT-Basic
Food Service Pathway
Human Resources Assistant
Introduction to Industrial Maintenance
Manufacturing Skills Basic Certification
Medical Administrative Asst.
Pharmacy Technician
Phlebotomy Technician
Quality Improvement Assoc.
Small Engine Repair Tech.
Introduction to Welding/Cutting

Meeting Room

CLUB NEWS & CALENDAR

FULTON CAMPUS

Archery Club	Scott Milam	862.8412
Art Club	Shawn Whittington	862.8301
Bass Club	Ethan Cruse	862.8233
Chieftain	Donna Thomas	862.8244
Comm. Chiefs	Jessi Stevenson	862.8308
Computer Club	Bradley Howard	620.5329
Educators Rising	Chris Cox	862.8181
	Bobby Jarrell	862.8183
Film Club	Morgan Cutturini	862.8167
Forestry Club	Emily Loden Jones	862.8147
ICC Films	Morgan Cutturini	862.8167
ICC Honors College	Robin Lowe	862.8166
	Heather McCormick	862.8191
ICC Orient. Leaders	Dr. Melissa Haab	862.8051
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Indian Delegation	Dr. Melissa Haab	862.8051
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	Jordan Smith	862.8252
LIN Report	Maggie Caldwell	862.8241
Mirror	C.J. Adams	862.8074
Modern Language	Anna Begnaud	862.8292
Phi Theta Kappa	Robin Lowe	862.8166
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	Jay Humphries	862.8381
Political Science	Chris Stevenson	862.8169
	Megan Eidt	620.5044
Science Club	Dr. Jada Mills	862.8369
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	Anna Begnaud	862.8292
	Jenny Bowers	620.5112
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	Nathan Ward	862.8164
Social Media Amb.	Maggie Caldwell	862.8241
Student Gov. Assn.	Dr. Chad Case	862.8232
	Dr. Brad Boggs	862.8271
	Jake Hartfield	862.8428
Travel Tribe	Jessi Stevenson	862.8308
	Dr. Edana Nail	862.8056
	Chris Stevenson	862.8169

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Archery Club	Scott Milam	862.8412
Bass Club	Ethan Cruse	862.8233
Comp. Prog./Net.	Tanya Cox	620.5114
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Future Rad. Tech.	Paul Crum	620.5233
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Legal Ed. Assn.	Jamie Hall	620.5342
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SGA plans for fall semester

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Staff Writer

The Fulton Campus Student Government Association has already planned several events for the fall semester.

The Voice auditions are scheduled for Sept. 22 and 23 from 3-6 p.m. in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium.

In addition, the SGA will also plan Homecoming week events as well as those for Indian Week in the spring. Other activities will include a campus scavenger hunt and a bingo night.

Events are updated on Instagram at @getinvolvedicc. Those with virtual or on-campus ideas should contact an SGA officer or representative.

In other SGA news, representatives have been elected. They include - Fulton Campus: Miranda Flippo and Brannon Wilder, at-large; Halle Hollingsworth, Chickasaw County; Cora Yielding, Itawamba County; Haley Dean, Lee County; Rebekah Threadgill, Monroe County; Jenna Schaefer, Pontotoc County; and Tupelo: Nossibah Algamal and Ethan Benefield, at-large; Hannah Dean, Chickasaw County; Thomas McGaughy, Lee County; and Makenzie Hamilton, Pontotoc County.

Fall 2020 Welcome Week

Biscuits, popsicles, snow cones and... watermelon treats

New members join ICC family

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's family has added several new members over the past few months.

They include

James Matthew Beasley of Mantachie, Campus Police officer;

Tracie Clardy of Guntown, custodian;

Sharon Clemmer of Tupelo, administrative assistant to the dean of economic and community services;

Whitney Crawford of Houston, residence hall director;

Wesley Foster of Mooreville, HVAC/maintenance;

Tyrone Fox of Tupelo, assistant football coach (defensive backs);

Dylan Hart of Fulton, residence hall director;

Hannah Hughes of Fulton, payroll clerk;

Grant Kimberlin of Olive Branch, assistant football coach (wide receivers/video coordinator);

Rick Lawson of Booneville, assistant softball coach;

Mallory Pennington of Pontotoc, health information and technology instructor;

Donald Pounders of Saltillo, sociology instructor;

Arecia Prude of Guntown, dual admissions specialist;

David Rakestraw of Blue Springs, history/geology instructor;

Caleb Ramey of Red Bay, Ala., help desk specialist;

Bronzen Smith of Tupelo, residence hall director;

Kaitlyn Stanfield of Red Bay, Ala., residence hall director;

Patience Terrell of Tupelo, Call Center associate;

Kelli Wallace of Mantachie, Child Development technician.

Rodney Williams of Brandon, residence hall director; and

Shanda Wood of Fulton, accounts receivable specialist.

Due to COVID-19, the new employee orientation that is usually scheduled for the opening of the semester had to be postponed.

Happy 50th Anniversary, ICC Chieftain!

Want
To Know More?

FULTON CAMPUS

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Band	Band Director
Books/Supplies	Bookstore
Career Planning	Adviser/Advising Center
Car Registration Decals	Campus Police
Change of Adviser/Major	Advising Center
Change in Curriculum	Adviser/Student Affairs
Counseling	Student Affairs
Counseling (Personal)	Dean of Students
Course Placement	V.P. of Instructional Services
Evaluation of Credits	Admissions
Examinations	Instructor
Faculty Office Hours	Instructor
Graduation Req.	Admissions
I.D. Cards	Student Affairs
Intramurals/Activities	Coor. of Student Activities
Library	Director of Learning Resources
Log-Ins/PINs	TIS Help Desk
Parking	Campus Police
Part-Time Jobs	Student Affairs
Placement Testing	Student Affairs
Publicity/Publications	Community Relations
Registration	Admissions
Schedule Changes	Adviser
Schedule Planning	Adviser
Scholarships	Financial Aid
Student Aid/Work Study	Financial Aid
Student Government	Housing Director
Student Organizations	Sponsors
Summer School	Student Affairs
	V.P. of Instructional Services
Testing (Career)	Career Center
Transcripts	Admissions
Tuition, Fees, Deferrals	Business office
Use of Campus Property	Dean of Students
Veterans Affairs	Financial Aid

TUPELO CAMPUS

Admissions/Records	Student Affairs
Advanced Placement Credit	VP, Instructional Services
Books and Supplies	Bookstore
Career Planning	Adviser/Career Center
Car Registration/Decals	Campus Police
Counseling	Student Affairs
Evaluation of Credits	Admissions
I.D. Cards	Student Affairs
Job Placement	Career Center
Library	Learning Resource Center
Log-Ins/PINs	TIS Help Desk
Parking	Campus Police
Registration/Early-Reg.	Student Affairs
Schedule Planning	Student Affairs
Scholarships	Financial Aid
Student Activities	Student Affairs
Student Aid	Financial Aid office
Student Government	Housing Director
Transcripts	Student Affairs
Tuition and Fees	Business office
Veterans Affairs	Financial Aid office

BELDEN CENTER

Adult Ed./High School Equivalency	Julia Houston
Continuing Education	Debi Martin
WIOA	Brad Gates
Workforce	Dr. Joe Lowder

Increase
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"Our exceptional faculty and staff have risen to the challenge, and because of their dedication, we continue to provide an affordable and quality option, which has been documented by WalletHub in its ranking of ICC as the top community college in the state," Allen said. "In addition, the work of our recruiters, enrollment services division and community relations team has contributed to this significant increase in enrollment."

"Faculty and staff have been working tirelessly during the pandemic to meet the needs of our current and prospective students," said Dr.. Melissa Haab, dean of enrollment services. "An increase in enrollment demonstrates our students' confidence in our academic excellence and student safety during these unprecedented times."

ICC President Dr. Jay Allen assists a student with finding her classes on the first day of the fall semester at the Fulton Campus.

Dr. Jay Allen

ICC President shares 'State of the College'

CORA YIELDING
Editor

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATE OF THE COLLEGE?

"Things are going extremely well. We have had to plan for a semester like we have never had before because not much of what we normally do will work. We have had to change our course structure, our cafeteria and our buildings on campus to create a different environment.

I am very pleased with how things are going: our students and employees are wearing masks, everyone is socially distancing in the appropriate places and we have added chairs outside to give our students an outdoor meeting space.

Our classroom technology seems to be working very well; it has allowed both students and faculty continue education when they have to quarantine. That is a huge plus for us because you now do not have to miss any instructional time.

Our protocols are working phenomenally, and we will continue to use them until they are not working anymore, and then we will change and adapt. We have had successful accreditation visits. We are staying up-to-date on our accreditation and programs.

WHAT IS OUR PLAN IF WE HAVE TO SHUT DOWN THIS SEMESTER?

We would be slightly different than the spring. We would allow students to ZOOM in for class at their appropriate times for their classes.

We will try to implement synchronous learning, where students have online lectures, still be able to ask questions and see the instructor through ZOOM. The instructors would still be able to come to campus and use their classroom.

Dr. Jay Allen

We do not intend to have to resort to online only. If we have to move to online only, we have programs in place to help proctor the exams if the time comes.

REFLECT ON YOUR PAST YEARS AT ICC

It's hard to think past the current scenario, but it has been a wonderful three years here at ICC. I have found this place to be full of tremendous faculty, staff and students. The communities that we serve are spectacular. There are great people everywhere I turn. I have been able to build great relationships inside and outside of the college. It has been a great experience watching our graduates go off and excel at a senior level. I love to see them come back and serve our area. It is very exciting to see student success. I am looking forward to seeing more of that happening.

It has been very exciting to add volleyball as a new sport. We are completing the new soccer complex; it has been very exciting to see that come to fruition. We have completed a few projects on the Tupelo Campus and at the Belden Center. At the Tupelo Campus. we have completed the new Academic and Student Center. It is a phenomenal facility. This addition will open up opportunities to renovate some of our older facilities.

My favorite part is being able to hop on the golf cart and ride around campus to see ballgames, performances and student activities. It was lonely in the latter part of the spring. My family has said that they missed having people on campus.

WHAT IS YOUR PLAN FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR?

Our plan is to keep everyone safe and healthy while providing quality instruction. We are having to use new technology and still maintain parameters that have been set for us. We will continue to wait on a good bid price for our residence hall that will sit in front of Sheffield Hall on Main Street. We are hoping for a great price to get that project started. It could start as early as October, depending on if our board approves a bid this month. We have moved all sports besides football to the spring. In the spring semester, you could have 10 sports playing all in the same week. It is going to be busy because everything that happens in the fall could be happening in the spring. All of this is contingent upon keeping everyone safe and healthy. It will be a challenge, but we are very well-prepared. We will continue to look forward to what is next: next program, next sport, etc. I always look forward for more and more ways to engage the students and move them toward success. In the spring, I will be back in Jackson conveying our needs to the legislature as well as the other 14 community colleges in Mississippi. We are trying to convey our needs to them and make sure they understand. We did a lot of working in setting up the CARES Act and the Student Relief Fund.

Connect with ICC through social media!

ICC selects All-American Band

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has selected members of the All-American Band for 2020-21.

They include

Aberdeen – Jaden M. Buchanan, Perashia C. Dunlap, Anna C. Elliot, Miranda P. Flippo, Kalyee M. Flippo, Jonathan I. Key, Caleb B. Schrock, Rebekah Threadgill; **Ackerman** – Kindal C. Gammill, Molly E. Oswalt, Paige B. Beasley; **Amory** – Karrigan M. Callihan, Dasmine M. Carter, Marley L. Edwards, Abigail E. Hitt, Andrew J. Houston, Dylan S. Johnson, Collin P. Magill, Madeline C. Martin, Hayden R. Odom, Madison R. Reeves, Brooke L. Roberts, Aleah M. Sullivan, Sarah J. Webb, Kaelin A. Worthington, Alexis B. Bourland, Pamela L. Dankins, Irene S. French, Molly V. Rost; **Baldwyn** – Cheyene A. Etheridge, Lillian McCully; **Belden** – Tyler Q. Dancy; **Bellefontaine** – Gavin J. Richardson; **Belmont** – Kristin A. Ruple; **Blue Springs** – Raymond L. Everett, Gracie C. Kimbrell; **Byhalia** – Gaib M. VanNostrand; **Caledonia** – Braxton J. McKinney; **Calhoun City** – JaMirquile A. Gray, Yakerma D. Harper, Maya M. McNamee; **Cedar Bluff** – Kaitlyn M. Smith; **Columbus** – Kelsi G. Little, Matthew J. Yearby; **Dallas, Ga.** – Sarah Grace E. Harwell; **Ecru** – Jasmin D. Ford, Victoria A. King, Grayson H. Russell, Skylar L. Stokes; **Eupora** – Grace A. Austin, Kyla E. Patterson, Mark A. Pass; **Falkner** – Brianna M. Clark; **Fulton** – Megan P. Basden, Dylan T. Boudreaux, Leah E. Brown, Ashton C. Bryan, Brandon L. Harris, Jeremiah L. Holmes, Arrionna M. Patrick, Brittany A. Stephens, Racia A. White, Cora E. Brown, Preston H. Cox, Autumn A. McGuire; **Golden** – Harley M. Taylor; **Greenwood Springs** – Michael T. Smith; **Guntown** – Amarlee F. Phillips; **Haleyville, Ala.** – Stephen E. Head; **Hamilton** – Taya Renea Baggett, Hannah E. Dickerson, Shemar C. Jones, Lindsey M. Lee, Dakota D. Slosky, Faith L. Garrett; **Hamilton, Ala.** – Brantley Q. Price; **Hernando** – Zachary A. Simpson, Clayton S. Tyson; **Houlka** – Perla I.A. Diaz, Eliseo R. Fernandez, Darby F. Freeman; **Houston** – Audrey F. Aguilar, Evelyn Guevara, Edna Guevara, Annaka B. Langley, Haley N. Makamson, Jamorris Morgan, Ashley D. Rea, Brandon M. Rimmer, Samantha M. Simmons, Monterrian Swing, Pearson J. Taylor; **Mantachie** – Jonathan S. Dobbs, Aubrey M.R. Parker, Mason D. Ruffin, McKenzie N. Stamper; **Marietta** – Savannah S. Odom, Holly R. Pace, Justin T. Sykes, Cheyanne N. Cassler; **Millport, Ala.** – Samuel C. Young, Logan N. Young; **Mooreville** – Sydney F. Scribner, Charlotte S. Williams; **Nesbit** – Michael M. Glenn; **Nettleton** – Brenden R. Carter, Maleigh M. Collier, Nigeria J. Dancy, Kanija A. Givhan, Jatilyn T. Kidd, Katlyn R. Raley, Kylie G. Seymore, Kennen D.T. Smith, Tobiasha D. Coker; **New Albany** – Anna B. Austin, Lindsey L. Delashmit, Madison R. Foster, Ruth C. Montgomery, Nydia E. Nesbit, Jayde T. Richardson; **Okolona** – Lynika Bailey, Jackie S. Lowe-Curtis, Sabryn B. Moore, JaDarius T. Wilson; **Olive Branch** – Cael W.D. Andrada, Lydia G. Walker; **Oxford** – Landon G. Hitchcock, Kinley C. Lindsay, Livanndrick C. McCray, Madeline L. Mulkey, Grayson C. Hitchcock; **Plantersville** – Lanna G. Dozier, Chloe P. Evans; **Pontotoc** – Katherine C. Adams, Lillian J. Angle, Domninique G. Bobb, Alysa E. Bohn, Emma K. Carwile, Mabry C. Chamblee, Justin A. Farr, Tiffany J. Ferguson, Savannah Gillespie, Cameron P. Haley, Malayasia D.F. Hill, Percy B. Holton, Andrea N. Hurd, Marissa K. Johnson, Bailey A. Jones, Evan R. Little, Aaron W. Littlejohn, Thomas O. Locastro, Timothy I. Locastro, Haleigh E. McGloflin, Jaigen K. McKnight, Chase M. Montgomery, Aaliyah S. Potter, Kaylen M. Rainer, Alexandra L. Ridge, Andrew M. Rodgers, Anna M. Sauerwein, Jenna C. Schaefer, Marlee E. Schaefer, Aren P. Smith, Austin T. Stokes, Kimberly M. Tedford, Phebe A. Triplett, Britney H. Tzib, Carson F. Webb, Rashaan A. White, Brannon W. Wilder, Aleyna N. Wilgermein, Isaac R. Williams; **Prairie** – Quincy J. Cockrell; **Randolph** – Kathleen J.Fletcher, Nathaniel D. Hawkins; **Ripley** – April A. Sotelo; **Russellville, Ala.** – Mattee A. Berry, Zion A. Cooper; **Saltillo** – Devin A. Bain, Jacob D. Brown, John T. Gifford, Matthew S. Maggard, Emma C. Sparks; **Shannon** – Alexandria S. McCoy, Kaleshia M. Morrow, Kaiyah A. Ruth, Alexius E. Young; **Sherman** – Mikayla G. Benson, Ajalauh K. Caldwell; **Smithville** – Savannah M. Beck, Kamron L. Benton, Elijah C. Hathcote, Kyra R. Kirk; **Starkville** – Asia D. Tate, Megan I. Wise; **Stewart** – Helen D. Roy; **Taylor** – Jeffrey D. Wells; **Thaxton** – John G. Biffle, Anna G. Funderburk, Ella K. Nichols; **Toccopola** – Taylor E. Britt; **Tremont** – Jasmine E. Gilliard; **Tupelo** – Bryanna M. Aguirre, Passionn L. Anderson, Tyjey D. Arnold, Andrew J. Beard, Joseph M. Bennett, Victoria M. Cross, Kaitlyn J. Haire, Tearrow R. Johnson, Serenity O. Jones, Destinee D. Jones, Kloe R. McGee, Neely E. Rial, Brailey K. Tackett, Haley A. Thompson, Elijah K. Traylor, Nicholas B. Tubb, Christopher D. Williams, Lee A. Wilson; **Union** – Maggie C. Hardin; **Vernon, Ala.** – McKenzie L. Crosman; **Walls** – Garrett T. Inabinet; **Weir** – Dianna G. Busby; **West Point** – Robdetric N. Carr, Brittni M. Moore; **Winona** – Madison G. Carter, Elisa Guzman; and **Woodland** – Christian A. Rimmer.

Students move into the residence halls for the 2020 fall semester.

COVID slightly affects ICC residence hall operation

MYKIA CANNON

Staff Writer

Residence halls at ICC are at full capacity, but COVID-19 has somewhat changed their rules and regulations.

According to Dr. Chad Case, director of housing, "For the most part, it (COVID) hasn't. We have added more hand sanitizing stations and are now doing bi-weekly room checks to help with the cleanliness of the rooms."

CLEANLINESS

The importance of a clean and healthy residence hall is indeed mandatory. "General cleanliness, building to building, the resident assistants look for garbage, lingering clothes, exposed food, clean sinks and showers," Case said.

Along with those rules, it is also mandatory that students must always keep the residence halls safe. "Candles, pets, hot plates, coffee machines and air fryers are not allowed in the dorms; however, Instant pots are," Case said.

RULES

It is important that each student obeys the rules. "The first, second and third warning will each be a $25 fine, and with the fourth warning, the student will be asked to move out for four weeks."

To help enforce the rules, ICC residence halls have both hall directors and resident assistants. The directors and RAs each play a role. Case said that hall directors are the ears and eyes of the residence halls. Their role is to turn in problems and to do work and discipline orders. The resident assistant's role is to help assist the hall director, which includes walking the halls Sunday through Thursday, observing the building and performing duties in housing such as work orders as well, Case said.

VISITATION

Males can visit females' rooms and vice versa on Mondays and Wednesdays. Visitation times are between 6 and 9 p.m. For a student to visit or have a visitor, the students must leave their ID in the front when they first check in.

Additional rules include one visitor per student and always accompany the guest. If the visitor were to visit another student, the guest much switch the ID to the next student visited. "There will be a $50 fine if a student does not check in and a $100 fine if the student has guests to spend the night," Case said. Doors should be halfway open during visits. - *See residence hall, page eight.*

Whitney Hankins of Houston participated in the bicycle helmet presentation last week is a student in the Associate Degree Nursing program, for which Dr. Cathy Todd is an instructor.

Todd completes UMMC simulation training

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College Associate Degree Nursing instructor Dr. Cathy Todd of Fulton has earned more than 25 hours of continuing education to complete the Mississippi Academy for Simulation Training through the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

The MAST provides statewide simulation educator training, access to the University of Mississippi Medical Centers through the office of Interprofessional Simulation, Training Assessment, Research and Safety and communicates a statewide expectation for recognition of the value of pedagogically-advanced training curricula, contemporary educational/workplace communication techniques and the highest ethical standards in the use of simulation in healthcare education.

"The MAST course provided me with teaching strategies that I will use to engage students in learning opportunities using simulation," Todd said. "The knowledge and experience gained by students using simulation can contribute to increased patient safety and positive outcomes."

Todd's educational background includes the associate's degree from ICC; bachelor's degree from Mississippi University for Women; master's degree from the University of Mississippi Medical Center; and the doctoral degree from Samford University, all in nursing. A member of the ICC faculty since 2006, she also serves as an adjunct nursing online instructor for Mississippi University for Women. Todd is a member of the Gamma Eta chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International and the National Organization of Associate Degree Nursing, and her honors include the NISOD Excellence in Teaching and Leadership Award. She serves on ICC's Honors Council as well as the curriculum and evaluation nursing committees. In 2018, she presented "Improving Nursing Knowledge Related to Hospital-Acquired Pressure Ulcer Prevention" at the NurCe Conference t the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing in Birmingham, Ala.

According to information from the Academy, a large nursing shortage is expected in the near future. Mississippi schools of nursing are attempting to meet the future needs of the population; however, clinical sites ae becoming less of an option for schools to utilize for students to complete their curriculum.

A four-year grant from the Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation enables the training to be provided at no cost for nursing educators.

UPCOMING
MUSIC&ARTS, ETC...

CenterStage re-evaluates during pandemic

WHITNEY WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Life, as the world knows it, has been interrupted by an unforeseen force: COVID-19.

It no different with ICC's pop show group, CenterStage, which features vocals, choreography and a live band and is led by Christy Colburn and Kyle Davis.

CenterStage presents its 2019 fall show. - *File photo*

When discussing how CenterStage has been affected, Colburn said, "That is a complex question that cannot really be answered simply. I believe that we will be experiencing the effects of COVID for a while. It has forced us, like everyone else, to re-evaluate how we do what we do and why we do it. It has definitely been and will continue to be a learning experience."

In this learning curve, CenterStage is realizing how to physically distance and still have visually entertaining performances.

They are doing this by gridding the stage to help the performers keep an idea of what six feet apart looks like as well as spreading intervals and utilizing risers to create levels. Masks are still to be worn but thanks to the Broadway Relief Program, singer's and resonance masks are now an option for CenterStage. Made by singers for singers, they help with breathing during a performance. Despite having better masks, Colburn says that it is still a struggle with techniques different now than before. Even with the vocalist's masks, mouth form, tongue placements and other techniques will be a challenge so there will be more dependence on body language and eye contract to be their visual, Colburn said.

Colburn said that CenterStage is following recommendations and procedures against COVID-19 provided by the administration in case of contact with the virus. As far as show dates, Colburn said, "At the moment, we are full-steam ahead as if we perform in a few months, but we are a little on standby. We truly hope to get all the students' hard work out to the community even if it is virtual.

We have begun discussions on possibly creating videos of numbers recorded to feature on social media or livestreamed. Everything is new, and the learning curve is monumental but there are ways if we keep working toward solving these temporary roadblocks.

Colburn and CenterStage's enthusiasm to continue to provide entertainment during unsure times goes to show that the old saying, "The show must go on" is true even amidst a pandemic.

Members of the cast and crew include Kindall Gammill of Ackerman; Jasmin Ford of Ecru; Jason May of French Camp; Preston Cox, Emma Murphree, both of Fulton; Michael Smith of Greenwood Springs; Stephen Head of Haleyville, Ala.; Perla Diaz of Houlka; Mason Ruffin of Mantachie; Kaylee Heitger of Mooreville; Mary Oliver of Nettleton; Timothy Locastro of Pontotoc; Emma Sparks, Carolyn Barrett, both of Saltillo; Morgan Flemmons of Shannon; Kamron Benton of Smithville; Shy'Khierria Pegues of Taylor; Maggie Hardin of Union; and Dianna Busby of Weir.

Members of the ICC All-American Band display their uniforms that were unveiled last season. This year, new sousaphone covers have been added to enhance the band's identity.

The beat goes on

CHRISTIAN COLBURN
Staff Writer

COVID-19 may have affected sports and regular activities around the world, but at Itawamba Community College, the All-American Band is marching along with little or no interruption.

"They have done a really great job since they have been dealing with this situation for as long as they have been," according to Director Ryan Todd. "They follow the rules and system perfectly well. Todd said that it has been "fairly easy" coping with the COVID changes.

One difference from all of the past years is that there was no band camp, which is where everything takes place. Color guard and the Indianettes auditioned on video, the drumline auditioned on the first day of classes, while the wind instruments are being closely monitored on their performances.

There are currently 230 members of the All-American Band, and although it may seem difficult, maybe impossible, to practice social distancing with such a large group, it seems that Todd has everything under control and is running everything perfectly fine.

"We were really pleased with that many people with everything that is going on," Todd said. the band's first outside rehearsal was Sept. 2. He said that he believes that everything will work out considering they have spent their rehearsals learning music for the halftime show, as well as pregame and stand tunes. Inside rehearsals look a little different as well. Instead of the full band practicing together, they are having split rehearsals, but learning all of the music.

Ryan Todd

"We are formulating several plans /scenarios to have a great gameday experience," Todd said.

There might not be much drill during the halftime show this year, solely due to social distancing guidelines, but expectations are high for an amazing show, like always, from the ICC All-American Band.

Their song selections for the 2020 marching season consist of Lady Gaga's "Telephone," Selena Gomez's "Dance Again," Taylor Swift's "Shake It Off," Jennifer Lopez's "Waiting for Tonight," Katy Perry's "California Girls" and last but not least, Christina Aguilera's "Feel This Moment."

Marching bands, sports and other regular activities have drastically changed throughout the world, but ICC is making sure that everything will stay as close to normal as possible. Holding band practices and marching rehearsals, while still maintaining social distancing guidelines can be a very difficult thing to manage, but the directors of the ICC All-American Band are putting the safety of the students first, while still trying to give the fans a bit of normalcy.

Submissions needed!
The Calliope deadline is Nov. 19

Staff Reports

Student submissions are being accepted through 3 p.m., Nov. 19, for The Calliope Journal of Art and Poetry at ICC.

Individuals can submit up to three poems in one double-spaced Microsoft Word document. They must include their name on each page.

According to the guidelines, no previously published or simultaneous submissions will be accepted. Using their ICC email account, students must send their work and questions to Keith Morris at jkmorris@iccms.edu and include Calliope as the subject.

The current issue is available at www.iccms.edu/Publications.

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FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

JUST A REMINDER...

Review lockdown procedures

ICC's faculty, staff and students are urged to review campus lockdown procedures.

"The procedures are meant to be very simple because at the point of a lockdown, the major concern is the safety of all of the individuals in the campus community," said Dr. Brad Boggs, dean of students.

Notifications will be communicated via ICC ALERT, email and the Emergency Information Web page.

Upon notification of campus lockdown, everyone must react immediately.

The procedures include

1) Lock all doors and windows.

2) Close all blinds.

3) Turn off lights.

4) Use room furnishings to barricade doors and as protection.

5) Everyone should sit on the floor, away from doors and windows.

6) Make no noise.

7) Remain in lockdown until it is cleared with a notice via ICC ALERT or the police/administrator gives te ALL CLEAR code.

In addition, these are procedures in the event of severe weather conditions or evacuation.

Individuals should check ICC's website, www.iccms.edu, for information. It's located under Campus Safety on the home page.

Sign up for ICC ALERT

ICC provides a mass notification system called ICC ALERT.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the free service.

ICC ALERT has been utilized for inclement weather situations when classes and offices were closed due to snow and icing conditions and when storms threatened the area.

To sign up to receive emergency messages through ICC ALERT: 1) Log on to the myTribe portal using your name and password; 2) Click ICC ALERT system in the link section on the bottom right; 3) Log in with your same username and password as myTribe to add/update your information.

For assistance with technical issues, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295 or via email at helpdesk@iccms.edu.

Litter-free

Everyone is reminded to use trash receptacles for litter. It's up to all of us to show our pride by ensuring that all three locations are litter-free.

Shuttle

Students commuting between the Fulton and Tupelo campuses continue to have the opportunity to take advantage of a free shuttle service.

The service begins and ends in Fulton with stops in front of the Student Services buildings on both campuses as well as at the Health Science Education Center at the Tupelo Campus.

Those who ride the shuttle must have a valid ICC ID card. The shuttle departs from Fulton at 6:30 a.m. and from Tupelo at 7 a.m.; from Tupelo at 7:15 a.m. and arrives Fulton at 7:45 a.m. In the afternoon, it departs from Fulton at 3 p.m., arrives in Tupelo at 3:30 p.m.; departs Tupelo at 3:35 p.m. and arrives in Fulton at 4:05 p.m.

No noise

Unnecessary noise is banned at Itawamba Community College, including loud music, yelling and screaming.

Students who are found guilty of noise violations will be fined, and the fine will double with each successive violation.

Campus Police

ICC-Belden...662.687.2752
ICC-Fulton...662.687.2750
ICC-Tupelo...662.687.2751

Wesley kicks off fall 2020

ICC's Wesley Foundation began the fall semester with a cookout and a new director, Emily Quinn of Fulton.

ICC convocation

President challenges faculty, staff as classes begin

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College President Dr. Jay Allen welcomed faculty and staff home during the fall convocation, Aug. 12.

ZOOM SESSION

Instead of gathering in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium on the Fulton Campus a few days before classes began, faculty and staff members logged in for the ZOOM session instead of spending time catching up on what has happened over the summer.

Most of them would have been catching up on five months because COVID-19 abbreviated face-to-face contact the week after spring break in March.

"I wish we were all gathered together this morning," Allen said, but we are definitely in unique times. The spring semester was nothing short of unprecedented. Our lives changed on March 12, 2020, when terms like Coronavirus, COVID-19, positive tests, masks and PPE became part of our daily vocabulary. The uncertainty, anxiety and concern were felt by everyone involved...including your administration."

ALLEN COMMENDS ICC FAMILY

COVID restrictions since March cancelled the annual celebration of the retirement of several members of our ICC family. We extend our best wishes to each of them and express our appreciation for their significant contributions. Since we still cannot provide the recognition that they deserve, we take this opportunity to showcase their dedication and service. and staff members for stepping up to make the spring semester successful with an above-average online class retention rate of 87.16 percent.

"I recently read 'the key to success is to focus on goals, not obstacles.' With all of our locations fully operational Monday through Friday 8-4:30, we remain committed to assisting our outstanding current and potential students on the continued path of success. Our students' success is our success and ultimately our goal.

NOT FOREVER NORMAL

"As we begin this fall semester, rest assured knowing that this isn't our forever new normal. This is just a moment in time and is not totally what our future will loo like. Know that countless hours have been spent assessing all functions of the college to prepare to safely bring you and our students back to our locations. Will it be perfect? Absolutely not. Will we have problems arise? Absolutely. The only we will be able to survive the next 5-10 months as an institution is by being resourceful, compassionate and flexible."

RESOURCES

Allen said that ICC is providing many resources for the safety of students, employees and the communities served. They include hand sanitization stations across all of the college's locations, new signage promoting safety protocols and equipment, a customized mobile app for self-reporting and contact tracing, rapid testing for employees and students, new technology to further enhance distance learning capabilities and the purchase of additional PPE, all made possible by CARES Act funds. In addition, the resources are being used to enhance or start workforce development and/or career education programs that would positively impact the underemployed, unemployed, furloughed and/or otherwise displaced individuals who are experiencing economic hardships as a result of COVID.

"We are navigating very challenging times," Allen said. "It is important to exercise compassion now more than ever. Each and every day, you will come in direct or indirect contact with individuals who will be uneasy about the world we are currently living in. The one constant we can ensure is our mission of quality instruction while focusing on student success. I encourage you to go the extra mile to be the positive difference in these students' lives and to be the light in some very dim times."

THE CHALLENGE

In closing, Allen challenged all members of ICC's family. "I leave you with the challenge to get a little better every day, both personally and professionally. Don't miss the opportunity to get better and be better today, because I guarantee you that our students and our communities need us to be better than we were yesterday. Remember to show compassion as we challenge our students to grow intellectually and to develop the skills necessary to succeed in life. Thank you for being a part of the ICC family."

Residence Halls

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If the visitor were to visit another student, the guest much switch the ID to the next student visited. There will be a $50 fine if a student does not check in and a $100 fine if the student has guests to spend the night, Case said.

Case said that rules and regulations are all about respect and consideration for fellow students.

In the residence halls, there are certain times when it is time to simmer down and relax, Case said. Quiet times are from 8 p.m. until 8 a.m., and if students fail to do so, the hall director or RA will knock on the door and ask for them to quiet down.

ICC welcomes everyone with open arms, Case said. "Our goal is to continue to give students the college experience but with a couple of minor adjustments to assist in keeping them well. Probably the biggest challenge has been reminding students to wear their masks in the common areas of the residence halls, hallways and lobbies, but students have been great in complying."

Adam Gore, director of sports information and media relations, left, and Tyler Camp, chief of staff and special assistant to the president, right, video Dr. Jay Allen's remarks for the 2020 commencement ceremony, which was presented online for the first time during ICC's 70-plus year history.

Summer graduates become alumni

Staff Reports

ICC students who completed requirements for associate's degrees and certificates at the conclusion of the 2020 summer semester would have had the opportunity to participate in the 2020 May commencement ceremony if it had not been for its cancellation as a result of COVID-19.

They include

Aberdeen - Lauren Brooke Beard, A.A.S.; Chelsea Kenyanna Page, A.A.; Valerie Victoria Page, A.A.; Darstina Lashay Thomas, A.A.;

Amory - Stephanie Lee Anderson, certificate; Jared Brittian Callihan, A.A.S.; Ashton Kyle Cooper, A.A.S.; Wendy Marie Culver, A.A.; Thomas Blake Elkin, A.A.; Ragan L. Fears, certificate; Mary Grace Reeves, A.a.; Genee M. Summers, A.A.;

Baldwyn - Paige Cyleen Huddleston, A.A.;

Belden - Mallori Michelle Cady, A.A.; Evan August Hildenbrand, A.A.; Hunter E. Johnson, A.A.;

Belmont - Alexandria Elizabeth Norman, certificate;

Blue Mountain - Latoya Ciera Knox, A.A.; Justin Keith Rumsey, certificate;

Blue Springs - Jimmy M. James, A.A.; Demarcus C. Rogers, A.A.; Ka'Miya Watson, A.A.;

Booneville - Zakia Dornae' Crump, certificate; Olivia Ann Tolar, A.A.S.;

Calhoun City - Nijah Zhyaire Gaston, A.A.;

Columbus - Trey Lucious, A.A.;

Crawford - Kayla D. Jackson, A.A.;

Ecru - Samantha Paige Holloway, certificate;

Forest City, Ark. - Tatyana Norment, A.A.;

Fulton - Jayland D. Byles, A.A.; Jacob James Foley, A.A.S.; Felipe Hodge, A.A.; Benjamin Seth Moffitt, A.A.; Kelsie D. Plunkett, A.A.; Shawntia C. Thornton, A.A.; Amber Paige West, A.A.; Elizabeth V. Wilson, A.A.S.;

Golden - Abby Caroline Mason, A.A.S.;

Greenwood Springs - Billie Claire Goode, certificate;

Guntown - Eva Brielle Thompson, A.A.S.; Nickie Lynn Williams, certificate; JaMarcus Tyresse Young, A.A.;

Hamilton - Michael E. Harrison, A.A.;

Houlka - Faith Alexandria Knox, A.A.S.;

Houston - Austin Thomas Ezell, A.A.S.; Eric D. Walters, A.A.;

Hughes, Ark. - Travonta Doolittle, A.A.;

Mantachie - Laken Nicole Dunaway, certificate;

Mooreville - Gayla Elain McGreger, certificate;

Nettleton - Tiffany Tacheal Bell, A.A.; Hailey Marie Brown, A.A.; Leah JoAnne Gentry, A.A.S.; William Keith Hester, A.A.S.; Sharnae L. Mosely, A.A.;

Okolona - Trampis C. Boyd, A.A.; Jessica Patriece Hill, A.A.; Aesha Sykes, A.A.; Brandon Aleze Young, A.A.;

Oxford - Jireh-Elise Jones, A.A.;

Plantersville - Kameron Alaysia Miller, A.A.;

Pontotoc - Deangelo D. Bowens, A.A.; Tiarra Sharnique Crawford, A.A.; Victoria Lane Eldridge, certificate; Robert Dale Fitts, certificate; Summer Hope Grant, certificate; Leah Rena Morris, A.A.S.; Jessica Marie Pinkston, A.A.S.; Jessica Abigail Ramos, certificate; Nikki Diane Waldo, A.A.; Akirra Zykia Wilson, A.A.;

Ripley - Crystal Graves, A.A.;

Saltillo - Mallori Peek, A.A.; Morgan Grace Raines, certificate;

Shannon - Kizzie Qushawin Cox, A.A.S.; Samuel B. Fowler, A.A.; Makayla Rachel Young, certificate;

Smithville - Daniel James Frayer, certificate; Destiny Nicole Montgomery, A.A.S.; Hali Chrstabella Sasak, certificate;

Starkville - Montavious L. Bishop, A.A.;

Tupelo - Luz Elena Acosta, A.A.; Evangeline Oxsana Adcock, certificate; Shankika M. Baldwin, A.A.; Binita Barath, A.A.S.; Kenneth Brashaun Bell, A.A.; Aubrey Janae Betts, certificate; Karina Roxanne Bundy, A.A.; August R. Burt, A.A.; Cesiah Castillo-Soriano, A.A.; Haley Sariah Edwards, A.A.; Janet Garcia-Margarito, A.A.; Taimayia B. Grady, A.A.; Formeeka K. Lockridge; August A. McElwain, certificate; Calee Ann Ryan, A.A.; Jessica Erin Taflinger, A.A.S.; Josslyn Nekole White, A.a.; Kelli Michelle White, certificate; Edgar Osiel Zuniga Lira, certificate;

Verona - Martavious Ramon Fells, A.A.;

West Point - Christal K. Matthews, certificate; and

Woodland - April Michele Griffin, certificate.

ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Itawamba Community College is a two-year public-supported institution dedicated to providing high quality educational opportunities that are accessible and affordable for the diverse needs of Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties.

Itawamba Community College fulfills its mission through (1) College-parallel, technical and career programs to prepare students to transfer or enter the workforce; 2) Continuing education and workforce pathways for individuals striving for professional growth or personal enrichment; 3) Strategic partnerships to provide student opportunities, meet business and industry needs and promote economic development; 4) Adult education programs committed to increasing the literacy level of the adult population, providing self-improvement opportunities, workforce readiness and/or high school equivalency; 5) Resources, including financial, physical and technological to advance educational purpose as well as traditional and online instructional services, student support services and business management; 6) Recruitment and employment of qualified personnel as well as provide ongoing opportunities for leadership training and professional growth to improve skills of faculty and staff; and 7) Services and student engagement opportunities to promote leadership growth and success in educational, career and personal goals.

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ICC Homecoming
October 29

Student activities

September 21
Virtual Trivia via myTribe
8-9 p.m.

September 22
MAN UP Workshop
Crubaugh Tech Ed 110 - Fulton
12:10-1 p.m.

September 22, 23
"The Voice" Auditions
W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center - Fulton
3-6 p.m.

September 28
Intramural Disc Golf Signup
Ends Oct. 7

September 28
ICC vs. NEMCC Blood Drive Competition - Vitalant
Belden - 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Tupelo - 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

September 29
National Coffee Day Celebration
Grounds Coffee Shop (T/F)
David C. Cole Student Services Academic and Student Center
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
ICC vs. NEMCC Blood Drive
Grounds Coffee Shop (T/F)
Fulton - 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

September 30
ICC vs. NEMCC Blood Drive
Fulton - 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Outdoor Movie Night
Crane Pavilion - 8 p.m.

October 1
Monster Dash Virtual 5K

October 5
Corndogs and Cornhole
Belden - 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.

October 5-14
Intramural Kickball Sign-Up

October 5-6
Homecoming Queen Election Runoff - Oct. 7

October 6
Intramural Disc Golf Tournament

October 12-13
Fresh./Soph. Maid Election Runoff - Oct. 14

October 14
National Dessert Day
Belden - Noon-1 p.m.

October 15
Fall Break

For more information on student activities, jchartfield@iccms.edu or 662.862.8428.

We're #1!

Indian Delegation members celebrate ICC's Best Community College in Mississippi ranking by WalletHub. ***See story on page one.***

CLASSES AVAILABLE IN ICC'S DISTRICT

Adult Education

Staff Reports

Registration is continuing for adult education/English as a Second Language classes at ICC.

They include

Chickasaw County - Houston WIN Center, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m., Shundria Whitfield, smwhitfield@iccms.edu or (662) 407-1218;

Itawamba County - Fulton Family Resource Center (Old Grammar School), Tuesday and Thursday, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Linzy Patterson, lfpatterson@iccms.edu or (662) 407-1538;

Lee County - ICC Belden Center, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m., Amanda Dickinson, asdickinson@iccms.edu or (662) 407-1514; and Mondays and Tuesdays, 5:30-8:30 p.m.;, tblindsey@iccms.edu;

Monroe County - Amory WIN Center, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-noon and 5-8 p.m., amshannon@iccms.edu; and

Pontotoc County - Pontotoc WIN Center, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m., Gloria Wallace, gdwallace@iccms.edu;

English as a Second Language classes meet at the Itawamba Community College Belden Center Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.; emsullivan@iccms.edu; and Monday and Tuesday, 5:30-8:30 p.m., amshannon@iccms.edu.

There is no charge for the classes.

Prospective students must call or email the contact individuals listed beside the class to reserve a spot. All staff and students are required to wear masks.

GED and HiSET testing is continuing on a weekly basis. For more information on scheduling an appointment, contact Priscilla Trice at pbtrice@iccms.edu or call (662) 407-1513.

For general information about classes or program information, call Angeelas Shannon at (662) 407-1517,

One of ICC's quarterbacks, AV Smith, showcases his skills against an Indian defender during a scrimmage at Eaton Field Thursday night.

ICC's football season opener set for Oct. 1 against Coahoma

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College will open its 2020 football campaign at home against Coahoma Community College, and it won't be the only time these two squads will face each other this season, according to a schedule announcement by the Mississippi Association of Community College Conference.

After East Mississippi elected to forego the 2020 football season, the MACCC was faced with replacing the Lions to complete the North Division's six-game schedule.

The solution? Drawing to see which teams would play each other twice during the season.

ICC and Coahoma will square off in the season opener on Oct. 1 and in the regular season finale on Nov. 12 in Clarksdale.

In addition to the Tigers, ICC will also host Mississippi Delta on Oct. 29 and rival Northeast on Nov. 5. The Indians will travel to Holmes on Oct. 8 and Northwest on Oct. 15.

All home games are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Lambert Stadium/Eaton Field.

Games will be available online at LetsGoICCTV.com/red and SuperTalk Mississippi 101.9 FM with the Davis Ford Pregame Show starting 30 minutes before kickoff.

ICC continues to make announcements regarding athletics and restrictions in line with NJCAA, MACCC, Center for Disease Control and Mississippi State Department of Health guidelines. Log on to LetsGoICC.com for that announcement as well as all updates.

Soccer complex work continues

#RollTribe

ICC's cheerleaders practice for the upcoming football season, which is set to begin Oct. 1 at home.

ICC selects cheerleaders

Staff Reports

ICC has selected its cheerleading team for 2020-21 based on tryouts this summer.

They include McKenna Chisholm, Sydney Elkin, both of **Amory**; Reese Frady of **Caledonia**; Harley Grace Boone, Leanna Billingsley, Sydney Duggar, all of **Guntown**; Isabella Graves of **Mooreville**; Lexie McDaniel of **Oxford**; Emory McNatt, Lindzie Hurd, Lorryn Holcomb, all of **Pontotoc**; Pierce Thornton of **Randolph**; Jacob Payne, John Bryant Stanford, both of **Saltillo**; Karsyn Owens and Tyler Estes, both of **Tupelo**. Cheer coaches are Taylor Tutor of **Ecru** and Morgan O'Callaghan of **Saltillo**.

Earnest, Fox, Greening, Kimberlin, Lawson

ICC adds coaches for football, softball

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's football and softball programs have added coaches to their staffs.

SOFTBALL

Joining Head Softball Coach Andy Kirk's staff are Kirk Lawson and Kelly Beth Earnest.

Kirk Lawson

Lawson has been named as the Indians's assistant coach after volunteering on Kirk's staff last season. Prior to ICC, he was an assistant coach at both Biggersville and Tishomingo County High Schools. He was also head coach at Biggersville from 2012-16 where he was named 1-1A Coach of the Year in 2015 and 2016. At Tishomingo County, Lawson was also part of the 1-4A Coaching Staff of the Year in 2019.

Lawson

Kelly Beth Earnest

Earnest, who will fill the volunteer assistant coach role this season, played at Harding University and Blue Mountain College. The Selmer, Tenn. native has also coached the Blue Angels travel softball team.

Earnest

The Indians and their coaches are participating in fall workouts in preparation for the 2021 spring season.

FOOTBALL

The new members of Head Football Coach Sean Cannon's staff are Tyrone Fox, defensive backs; Grant Kimberlin, wide receivers; and Andy Greening, offensive line.

Tyrone Fox

Fox, who spent the last season at Shannon High School, started his tenure at ICC in 2006 before stepping away to join the Red Raiders in 2019. During his years at ICC, Fox has helped numerous student-athletes move on to the next level, including current NFL players Darius Slay and Kemon Hall.

Fox

Grant Kimberlin

Kimberlin, who played for ICC in 2014-15, was a two-time First-Team All-State selection. A graduate of Harding University, the Olive Branch native started his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Murray State University in 2018, before taking the wide receivers coaching position at Millsaps College in 2019.

Kimberlin

Andy Greening

Greening has coached at both Northwest and Northeast community colleges as well as a host of high schools in the area. He was named Coach of the Year during his time at Northeast. Greening brings 41 years of coaching experience to the Indians' staff.

Greening

Milam to lead golf team; play starts this week

Staff Reports

With the naming of a new head golf coach, ICC has begun preparations for the upcoming season.

Scott Milam is now leading ICC's golf program, and Fulton isn't anything new for him since he played for ICC under Coach David Rather in 2011-12.

The Tupelo native went on to play for Blue Mountain College, where he earned NAIA All-American honors in 2015.

Coach Milam and his squad have begun practicing and will compete in their first tournament Sept. 21 in the NJCAA District D Preview at the Deerfield in Canton.

The Indians will then compete in the Northeast Invitational, Sept. 28-29, at Shiloh Ridge in Corinth, and then the Hinds Invitational, Oct. 3-4, at Eagle Ridge in Raymond.

To wrap up the fall portion of their schedule, the Indians will play in the MACCC Preview at Wolf Hollow in Wesson on Oct. 26.

The Indians will kick off their spring schedule Feb. 22-23 in the Gulf Coast Invitational at Windance in Gulfport.

March will be a busy month for the Tribe with three tournaments on the road. March 5-6, the Indians will return to Wolf Hollow for the Co-Lin Invitational and then will compete in the Meridian Invitational, March 22-23, at Northwood.

To finish the regular season and March play, the Indians will travel to Summit for the Southwest Invitational at Quail Hollow on the 29-30.

The Indians will compete in the conference championship at Wolf Hollow, April 18-19.

Itawamba Community College Sports...

ON THE SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL

10.1	Coahoma	6:30
10.8	@ Holmes	6:30
10.15	@ NW	7
10.29	MS Delta	6:30
11.5	Northeast	6:30
11.12	@Coahoma	7

Homecoming
Oct. 29

GOLF

9.21	Deerfield
9.28	Shiloh Ridge
9.29	Shiloh Ridge
10.3	Eagle Ridge
10.4	Eagle Ridge
10.26	Wolf Hollow

Due to restrictions as a result of COVID-19, athletic schedules and operations are subject to change.

Follow ICC athletics...LetsGoICC.com or on Twitter...@LetsGoICC

Groundbreaking soon

ICC awards bid for dorm

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College is expected to break ground in the near future for a new residence hall to be constructed at the Fulton Campus adjacent to Sheffield Hall on West Main Street.

ICC's Board of Trustees voted at its Sept. 14 meeting to award the contract for the facility to WAR Construction, Inc. of Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The 72,000-square-foot three-story residence hall will have 250 beds, customizable halls/wings for separated male and female occupancy, two efficiency apartments and one hall director apartment. The spacious first floor lobby will also feature study rooms for residents.

In addition to improved parking lots, there will be a safer pedestrian sidewalk to Sheffield Hall and a safer crosswalk across Main Street to connect residents to the campus.

"Each year, ICC maxes out its available rooms and has a significant waiting list for housing, and to better accommodate our students, construction of this residence hall has been on the drawing board for the last few years," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "Students are our top priority, and it is our commitment to provide campus housing to ensure that they have a more comprehensive collegiate experience."

Pryor Morrow designed the facility.